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SUBJECT: GENERAL MANAGER OF LIBERIA INDUSTRIAL FREE ZONE AUTHORITY

(LIFZA) WISHES TO VISIT FREE TRADE ZONES IN U.S. AND
PUERTO RICO

1. JOSEPH RICHARDS, GENERAL MANAGER, LIFZA IS PLANNING TRIP TO U.S. IN LATE AUGUST/EARLY SEPTEMBER TO STUDY ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FREE TRADE ZONES. ENROUTE TO U.S., RICHARDS ALSO PLANS TO VISIT FREE ZONES IN PUERTO RICO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND PANAMA.

2. LIFZA HAS PROGRESSED BEYOND PLANNING STATE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY. PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF LIFZA IS TO ATTRACT EXPORT ORIENTED LIGHT MANUFACTURING, ASSEMBLY, AND PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENTS TO SERVE A REGIONAL MARKET. LIFZA IS TO EVENTUALLY INCLUDE RENTAL SITES OR PREBUILT STANDARD FACTORY BUILDINGS, COMPLETE UTILITIES, AND COMMON SERVICES SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE, PACKAGING, BANKING, INSURANCE, SECURITY, POSTAL SERVICES, ETC.

3. RICHARDS HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPROPRIATE CONTACTS WITH MANAGERS OF FREE ZONES IN U.S. AND PUERTO RICO. HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEND ABOUT 3-4 DAYS AT EACH SELECTED
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FREE ZONE TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH MANAGERS, TOUR FACILITIES, AND STUDY OPERATIONS.

4. MR. GERARD J. BLANC, INTL MGR, CHAS. T. MAIN INTERNATIONAL, INC., SOUTHEAST TOWER, PRUDENTIAL CENTER, BOSTON, MASS. 02199, TELEPHONE (617) 262-3200, CURRENTLY IN NEGOTIATION WITH LIFZA TO DEVELOP PROGRAM FOR PROMOTION OF LIFZA AMONG POTENTIAL INVESTORS

IN U.S.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. ON BASIS OF ABOVE OBJECTIVES, PLEASE RECOMMEND THREE

(3) FREE ZONES IN CONTINENTAL U.S. WHICH WOULD BE LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR RICHARDS TO VISIT AND WHOSE MANAGERMENTS WOULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE TO THE EXTENT REQUESTED IN PARA 3 ABOVE. NO SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS REQUESTED AT THIS TIME.

B. DETERMINE THROUGH SAN JUAN DISTRICT OFFICE IF FREE ZONE IN PUERTO RICO WILLING TO COOPERATE AS REQUESTED PARA 3.

C. PLEASE PASS TEXT OF THIS MESSAGE TO GERARD BLANC OF PARA 4 AS HE MAY WISH TO MEET WITH RICHARDS OR OFFER ASSISTANCE AND HOSPITALITY DURING HIS VISIT. THANKS.
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